

## **Bio of Chef Tene Shake- Click Here**

Chef Tene Shake is part of the Iconic Shake family, which has been in Monterey for generations and has played an integral role in the rich history and success of Fisherman's Wharf. He is an award-winning chef as well as a respected realtor and owner of Tene Shake Properties. The Shake family legacy lives on today, operating several restaurants, fish markets, and boats. Tene is the youngest of five brothers, thus earning him the nickname "Tene." He was fascinated by seafood from a young age and learned as much as he could from his brothers and the family restaurant, the iconic "Old Fisherman's Grotto" and his father, legendary chef/restaurateur, Sabu Shake. At age eleven, Tene continued his training, working as a cook at the Cove Restaurant for the Crivello Family. As a teenager, Tene managed his family fish market business and delivered seafood to the local restaurants. Tene graduated from Bethany University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1988. Following college, he completed levels 1-3 at the California Culinary Academy & attended classes Le Cordon Bleu and the International Culinary Center/French Culinary Institute. In 2009, Tene had the honor of spending time at the White house with chef Sam Kass and doing a little harvesting in the White House Organic Garden. Chef was voted 2014 Chef of the Year and was Chairman of Les Toque Blanches International- Monterey and the American Culinary Federation (ACF), Central Coast and President of the National Chapter of ACF Central Coast. In 2009, Tene built a hospitality company with over 350 employees, and was the Co-creator & Co-founder of LiveTraxs Digital Events, a music tech company.

Born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, Tene Shake is the authentic "Local Real Estate Expert" with "Local Knowledge" of real estate on the Monterey Peninsula. Growing up in Monterey and Carmel Valley, he attended local schools and had the privilege of living in luxury estates as well as often visiting his brother's homes in Pebble Beach, including one located on the famous 17-mile drive. Tene has a passion for real estate, buying his first home at age 19. While navigating through complex commercial real estate deals, Tene has been involved in over \$50 million of real estate acquisitions. Tene follows in the tradition of giving back instilled in him as a young man by his Mom & Dad that simply taught him "you receive in order to give". When Tene is not working with real estate, he can be found managing the Grotto Fish Market/Kokomo's on Old Fisherman's Wharf.

Tene is proud to support over 300 charities and organizations including Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula Corps, Monterey County School Districts, Meals on wheels, Rancho Cielo, Boys & Girls clubs Monterey, SPCA, Cooking for solutions, Mission Acts, Dorothy's Kitchen, CASA Monterey, and feeding the homeless. One of Tene's most humbling experiences was meeting Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India in 1991 and spending a half day with her visiting the areas of the poor and homeless she visited often.

Tene lives in Monterey County with his wife, Tracy. January 2023 marks the celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.